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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re:      | Patent Application of<br>Michael Jacob <i>et al.</i>                        | : Group Art Unit: 1751   |
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| For:        | PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING<br>INDUSTRIAL DETERGENT AND<br>COMPONENTS THEREOF | : Attorney Docket<br>: No. <b>9003-269US</b><br>: <b>(A 00 115 B US)</b> |

**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified patent application. This response is being timely filed in view of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time (one-month) to and including February 10, 2003 (February 9 being a Sunday).

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-3, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 4-21 as set forth below.

-- 4. (New) A process for manufacturing a product in granulate or agglomerate form on a dry basis in an essentially horizontally oriented fluidized bed, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a multi-stage fluidized bed for performing different process steps selected from heating, agglomeration, coating, drying, and cooling for manufacturing the product;
- (b) supplying solid powdered starting material to the fluidized bed in a fluidizing space;

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